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FROM EMBASSY AND RCO, FRANKFURT FOR RSS, KARACHI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ACOM ASEC
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY VHF COMMUNICATIONS FOR GREECE

REF: A. STATE 078939, B. ATHENS 2842, C. ATHENS 2180

1. MEETING HELD APRIL 15 WITH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR, RCO,
VOA REP, ATO REP, RSO AND CRO IN ORDER CLARIFY EMBASSY'S
REQUEST FOR UPGRADE VHF COMMUNICATIONS IN GREECE.

2. BASICALLY WHAT EMBASSY WANTS AND RCO CONCURS IS TO ESTABLISH
TWO SEPARATE VHF NETWORKS IN ATHENS:

(A) E&E - PROTECTIVE SECURITY

(B) ADMINISTRATIVE (MOTOR POOL)

(C) SEE PARAS 4 AND 5 BELOW FOR DETAILED EXPLANATIONS.

3. REGISTERING IN VOA'S NAME WITH GREEK MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
THE FREQUENCIES WE DESIRE WOULD NOT RPT NOT JEOPARDISE VOA'S
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, OR BLOCK OF FREQUENCIES ALREADY CLEARED
FOR ITS USE. MISSION REP DISCUSSED MATTER INFORMALLY WITH CONTACT
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AT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WHO INDICATED THAT DESIRED
FREQUENCIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO VOA. MONITORING BY
ATO CONFIRMS FREQUENCIES CLEAR. MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS
OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT REGISTER OF DESIRED FREQUENCIES IN VOA'S
NAME WOULD NOT PRESENT PROBLEMS. WE SURMISE THAT REGISTRATION
REQUEST OFFICIALLY IN EMBASSY'S NAME WOULD SET PRECEDENT WHICH
GOG WOULD BE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT AND WOULD RESULT IN DENIAL

OR REQUEST FOR RECIPROCITY. THEREFORE, WE URGE DEPT PREVAIL
ON VOA TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION AND TO AUTHORIZE REGISTRATION
UNDER VOA AEGIS.

4. VHF-E&E AND PROTECTIVE SECURITY NETWORK:

LOCATIONS REPEATERS REMAIN THE SAME, E.G., KAVALA RELAY,
THESSALONIKI (MT. HORTIATIS), ATHENS (MT. PARNIS.) REPEATERS
AND EQUIPMENT TO BE RECRYSTALIZED TO 163.150 MHG (REPEATER
RECEIVE). 162.750 MHZ (REPEATED TRANSMIT) REMAINS UNCHANGED.
VOA MICROWAVE LINKS NOT INVOLVED.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORK:

IT IS PROPOSED TO EXPAND USE OF 153.000 MHZ (RECEIVE) AND
153.500 MHZ (TRANSMIT) TO INCLUDE ATHENS AREA. THESE FREQUENCIES
ARE USED PRESENTLY BY VOA KAVALA AND RHODES AND HAVE ALREADY
BEEN REGISTERED FOR VOA'S USE. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO INSTALL
A SECOND REPEATER AT MT. PARNIS (SPACE AVAILABLE), AND TO RE-
CRYSTALIZE THE EMBASSY'S 15 MOBILE MOTOROLA UNITS. THIS WORK
TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MOTOROLA GREECE UNDER CONTRACT.

6. IN SUMMARY, SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S AND VOA'S APPROVAL
WE PROPOSE TO REQUEST MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION: TO
ASSIGN 163.150 MHZ AND 162.750 MHZ TO VOA IN ORDER THAT WE MAY
ABANDON 162.125 MHZ WHICH IS USED BY THE GREEK NAVY (ATHENS 2180).
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IF WE ARE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INDICATED
WILLINGNESS OF MINCOM TO MAKE PROPOSED FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS, AND
BEFORE GOG BEGINS URGENTLY PRESSING US TO VACATE 162.125 MHZ
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NOW USED BY VOA. RECRYSTALING FREQ. 162.125 MHZ IS ONLY COST TO
VOA AND IS OBLIGATORY IF VOA WISHES TO REMAIN ON E&E NET.
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